

J. R. Lang rites held

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday for J. Russell Lang, 83, of 1433 Elm St.

Mr. Lang, a pioneer dairyman, died Sunday



J. Russell Lang

morning at Grinnell General Hospital.

The Rev. John C. Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiated at Tuesday's services. Organist was Mrs. Robert Toney, and pallbearers were Harold Cocking, John Green, Larry A. Mindrup, Norman E. Pierce, Robert K. Toney, and Warren Wolf. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mr. Lang's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church.

The son of John B. and Nettie Howie Lang, he was born April 23, 1892, near Brooklyn. He attended schools near his farm home and later attended Iowa State Teachers College.

On July 31, 1918, he was married to Agnes Graham in Madison Township near

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Brooklyn. The couple had seven children.

In the early 1920s, Mr. Lang operated a hatchery in Madison Township and was also associated with the Hendrickson and Lang Brothers Hampshire Enterprises.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang moved to a farm east of Grinnell in 1933 and started Lang's Dairy. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Lang family was well known throughout the country for the champion Ayrshire dairy cattle which the Langs bred, groomed and showed at local, state and national fairs.

On Jan. 29, 1950, Lloyd Cunningham, NBC broadcaster, presented Mr. Lang with the Agricultural Achievement Award on behalf of the Skelly Oil Company. In the fall of 1952, the Lang family sold the dairy and started the farming and dehydrating operation now known as Lang Farms, Inc.

Mr. Lang was married to Jennie Nichols of Grinnell on Oct. 4, 1959. He was a member

of the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of directors of Central Christian Church and was treasurer of the Iowa Christian Evangelical Mission.

Survivors include his wife Jennie; his children, Mrs. Don (Kathryn) Larsen, James B. Lang, Eugene R. Lang, Mrs. Grace Davidson, and John R. Lang, all of Grinnell, Mrs. Don (Jane) Thompson of Hot Springs, Ark., and Mrs. Thomas (Carol) Shaner of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; two stepchildren, Leland Nichols of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Arvin (Karlyne) Hoogenakker of Pella; 25 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Howie Lang of Brooklyn; and a sister, Mrs. Henry (Jean) Hendrickson, also of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his wife Agnes, who died in 1958; his parents; a great-granddaughter; a brother, Allen Lang; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Noe.